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84TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4778

[Report No. 827]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1955

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JULY 12 (legislative day, JULY 11), 1955

Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, with amendments

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

AN ACT

To provide for the purchase of bonds to cover postmasters, officers, and employees of the Post Office Department and mail clerks of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 ~~That whenever the Postmaster General determines it to be~~
4 ~~to the best interests of the Government he may, under such~~
5 ~~regulations as he may prescribe, purchase, out of appropria-~~
6 ~~tions or other funds available to the Post Office Department,~~
7 ~~such blanket position, position schedule, or other type of~~
8 ~~surety bonds as he may deem appropriate to cover any or~~
9 ~~all postmasters, officers, and employees of the Post Office~~
10 ~~Department, and mail clerks in the armed services and the~~

1 Coast Guard, required by law or administrative determina-
2 tion to be bonded. The premiums on any such bonds may
3 cover periods not in excess of four years, and the bonds
4 shall contain such conditions and be in such penalty as the
5 Postmaster General may deem necessary to protect the
6 interests of the Government. Nothing in this Act shall
7 relieve such postmasters, officers, employees, and mail clerks
8 and their sureties from any liability otherwise imposed by
9 law.

10 That section 14 of title 6 of the United States Code is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 “§ 14. Purchase of bonds to cover officers and employees of
13 the Government

14 “The heads of the departments and independent estab-
15 lishments of the Government (including the government of
16 the District of Columbia) shall, and the appropriate officials
17 of the legislative and judicial branches of the Government
18 may, obtain blanket, position schedule, or other type of surety
19 bonds covering civilian officers and employees, and military
20 personnel thereof, required by law or administrative ruling
21 to be bonded. Each bond shall be of the most economical
22 type available for the number and type of personnel required
23 to be bonded. The bond premium may cover a period not
24 exceeding two years, and shall be paid from any funds avail-
25 able for the payment of administrative expenses at the time

1 such premium becomes payable. If, in the opinion of the
2 head of the department, or independent establishment con-
3 cerned, the premium cost for any bond procured under this
4 section covering officers or employees in the executive branch
5 of the Government will exceed a rate of \$250 per annum,
6 procurement shall be made through the Administrator of
7 General Services when so required by him pursuant to sec-
8 tion 302 of the Federal Property and Administrative
9 Services Act of 1949, as amended (41 U. S. C. 252)."

10 SEC. 2. The analysis of title 6 of the United States Code,
11 immediately preceding section 1 of such title, is amended by
12 striking out the item

"14. Rate of premium on bond; premiums not to be paid by United States."

13 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"14. Purchase of bonds to cover officers and employees of the Government."

14 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect sixty days following
15 the date of its enactment.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to provide for the purchase of bonds to cover officers and employees of the Government."

Passed the House of Representatives May 17, 1955.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

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